(2) re-organization of the departments in order to reduce cost and increase efficiency;

(3) amendment of the relevant rules, so as to expedite the procedure to be followed in regard to land acquisition, investigation and the preparation of estimates for irrigation works, rural water-supply schemes and departmental enquiries in disciplinary matters;

(4) examination of the system of grants-in-aid to various local bodies and private managements;

(5) re-organization of the pension system; and

(6) matters connected with (1) to (5) above and any other matter which may specifically be referred to the Committee.

" (c) Roughly a sum of Rs. 34,000 was incurred towards the pay, dearness allowance and other compensatory allowances for the staff connected with the Committee and towards travelling allowance to the members of the Committee.

As separate accounts were not maintained for all items relating to the expenditure on the Committee, the amount has been worked out approximately.

" (d) & (e) The attention of the Member is invited to the statement placed on the table of the House on the 19th December 1950, in answer to question No. 58 put by Sri A. Vedaratnam Pillai, indicating that the saving resulting from the action taken on the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee was about Rs. 1½ crores per annum, up to the 1st December 1950. These savings have been offset now by the increased expenditure consequent upon the expansion of the activities of the various departments, due to the sanction of new schemes in nation-building departments and to the undertaking of measures to increase food production. The question of effecting economies in the various departments under present conditions is engaging the attention of the Government."

10-40 a.m. SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Since the present members of the Assembly were not Members of the Assembly in November 1950, will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to lay a fresh copy of the recommendations of the Committee on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If it is necessary, it will be supplied to any Member who wants it."

Encroachment on a pathway acquired for Harijans in Gudivada taluk.

* 179 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether a pathway acquired for Harijans of Dondapadu village of Gudivada taluk was encroached upon by the adjacent ryots of the path;

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(*b*) (1) what the total extent acquired was and (2) what the total extent under encroachment by the ryots was;

(*c*) (1) when these encroachments were made, (2) by whom and (3) in what year they were detected;

(*d*) what the remarks of the azmaishing officers were against these encroachments and what action was taken to evict the encroachers;

(*e*) whether notices under section 6 (1) of the Madras Land Encroachment Act were served on the encroachers, if not, why not;

(*f*) what the total amount of penalty levied on the encroachers was; and

(*g*) when the Harijans represented the matter to the Collector or the District Welfare Officer and what action has been taken by them?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No pathway was acquired but a pathway was sanctioned to be put up on a poramboke (which has been encroached upon);

" (*b*) (1) An area of 54 cents was set apart for the pathway; (2) the area of encroachment is 14 cents;

" (*c*) the encroachments were made during the current fasli by the adjacent ryots and were detected during this year;

" (*d*) As the encroachments were detected during the current year, there are no remarks of the previous azmaishing officers. Steps are being taken by the Collector to evict the encroachers.

" (*e*) Action is being taken now by the Collector to evict the encroachers.

" (*f*) This does not arise as these are new encroachments this year.

" (*g*) The Harijans represented the matter to the District Welfare Officer on 8th July 1952. The encroachments were inspected on the same day and necessary action is being taken to evict the encroachers."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" ఇటువంటి encroachments చాలా చోట్ల ఉన్నాయి. అనేక చోట్ల గవర్నమెంటువారు acquire చేసిన స్థలాలను భూస్వాములు ఆక్రమించుకొని ఇబ్బందులు కలుగజేస్తూ ఉంటే హరిజనులు అసహాయస్థితిలో ఉన్నారు. ఈ విషయములో మాత్రము ఇప్పటికి పది సంవత్సరముల నుంచి encroach చేస్తున్నారు. ఆఫీసర్లు ఇదంతా దాచి ఉంచడం, కరణాలు, మునసబులు కూడ ఈ విషయాలన్నీ దాచి ఉంచడం, భూస్వాములకు సహాయకరంగా ఉండడము. ఇదంతా గవర్నమెంటువారికి తెలిసియుండియు అన్యాయము జరుగుచున్నది. ఇటువంటి విషయాలలో ఇకనైనా ఒక general order ఆఫీసర్లకు issue చేసి ఇటువంటి encroachments అన్నీ కూడ evict చేయిస్తారా అని అడుగుతున్నాను."

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THE HON. SRI M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have already stated in the answer that this particular encroachment occurred during the current year. Wherever there is a report of such encroachments in a specific way, it is being enquired into promptly."

Alleged death of Ravula Subba Rao in police lock-up.

* 181 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation, dated 23rd August 1952, from Sri R. Chelapathi Rao of Polavaram, West Godavari district, was received by the Government complaining about the illegal detention of Ravula Subba Rao on 19th August 1952 in a police lock-up without producing him before a Magistrate within 24 hours and his subsequent death while under lock-up; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The illegal detention referred to is being enquired into by the District Superintendent of Police, West Godavari district. As a result the station-writer, one head constable and five constables are facing charges for dismissal. The Government are awaiting the final report in the matter.

As regards the death of Ravula Subba Rao in the police lock-up the matter was immediately enquired into by a Second-class Magistrate who held the inquest, and after examining all the necessary witnesses including two daughters of the deceased the Magistrate returned a verdict of death due to suicide. The body was sent for post-mortem examination and the Medical Officer found that the death was due to asphyxia due to hanging. The District Superintendent of Police, reported the death to the Subdivisional Magistrate, Kovvur, on 22nd August 1952. He immediately took up the enquiry and as allegations of a police torture and homicidal death were made, the Subdivisional Magistrate had the body exhumed and examined by the Additional District Medical Officer on 24th August 1952. The Additional District Medical Officer gave it as his opinion that the death was due to asphyxia due to hanging as a result of suicide. There were no grounds to suspect that he was beaten to death as there were no injuries, external or internal. The Subdivisional Magistrate examined in all 24 witnesses who offered to give evidence, and came to the conclusion that the deceased was dispirited and committed suicide by hanging himself by the neck while in police custody. The Government have gone through the Subdivisional Magistrate's report and do not find reasons to differ from the First-class Magistrate's finding."